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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CHIEF SECRETARIAT

Public Service Commissioner.

READ—

Government Order No. 6-105—C. R. B. 1-34-1, dated 3rd July 1934, issuing revised instructions governing recruitment to the subordinate ranks in the public service.

2. Paragraphs 235—6 of the Report of the Committee on Constitutional Reform in Mysore, presided over by *Rajasabhabhushana Diwan Bahadur* Mr. K. R. Srinivasa Iyengar, recommending the constitution of a Public Service Commission for Mysore.

3. Paragraph 65 of Government Order No. 1849-900—C. B. 58-39-1, dated 6th November 1939, accepting the principle underlying the recommendation of the Committee, and stating that separate orders would be passed on the proposal of the Committee.

ORDER No. 3685-3735—C. B. 103-39-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 19TH JANUARY 1940.

The question of the constitution of a Public Service Commission in Mysore had been repeatedly brought to the notice of Government ever since 1930, and in

some form or other, the subject had come up for discussion both in the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council more than once. Government had then pointed out that it was not necessary for Mysore to have a Public Service Commission. They, however, agreed to re-examine the rules with a view to ensuring that qualified candidates of all communities got a fair chance of securing appointments in the public service, and that the Central Recruitment Board would be given such additional powers as might be necessary to perform the functions of a Staff Selection Board.

Government accordingly issued revised rules in 1934 for recruitment to the subordinate services and to make more liberal provision for a proper representation of the several communities in the public service. Although this system has been working satisfactorily, there is a feeling that a Public Service Commission would be a more satisfactory instrument for executing the policy of recruitment.

The Committee appointed by Government to go into the question of Constitutional Reform in Mysore has recommended the appointment of a Public Service Commission for dealing with all appointments carrying a salary of Rs. 25 and above, appointments below Rs. 25 being left to be made by the officers concerned in accordance with the rules that may be issued by the Government. The role of the Commission is to be purely advisory in character, and it is to be consulted also in regard to the principles to be followed in respect of promotions and transfers from one service to another, and also regarding the suitability of the candidates for such promotions and transfers. The Committee state that the Commission should see that in all appointments the prime considerations are the efficiency of the public services, and the merits of the candidates. Subject to this, the principle of giving a fair opportunity to all communities for a share in the public services of the country should also be recognised. The Committee have also added that in order to avoid overlapping and possible conflict of functions, the present Central Recruitment Board should be abolished, when the Commission is brought into being.

Government have accepted the principles underlying the recommendation, and they have agreed to examine the details and pass orders on the proposal. After examining the working of the various Commissions and Selection Boards in various Provinces and States, they have come to the conclusion that it is not necessary for Mysore to have an expensive Public Service Commission, and have decided that the entire work and responsibility may well be entrusted to one individual officer of high status, who can command the confidence of the public. As it is necessary that such an officer should not be accused of any local bias and that he should be free from any local influence to deal with the question in all its aspects, Government consider it necessary that the first appointment to the post of Public Service Commission should be that of an outsider.

They accordingly direct that Mr. A. C. Gupta, M.A., O.B.E., retired Accountant General, Government of India, be appointed Public Service Commissioner for Mysore on a salary of Rs. 1,000 per mensem for a period of two years. The appointment will be non-pensionable, and in the matter of leave, travelling allowance, etc., the provisions of the Mysore Service Regulations will apply to him.

Mr. Gupta is requested to examine the existing rules in the matter of recruitment to the subordinate services, and prepare a draft set of rules, and also define the duties and powers of the Commissioner. He will keep in view the existing principle of giving adequate and just representation to all communities in the public service, to the extent educated and qualified men are available in those communities. The Commissioner is requested to take very early action to submit the draft rules to Government so as to enable Government to bring into force the new scheme from an early date.

Pending orders of Government bringing the new rules into effect, the existing Central Recruitment Board will continue to function as hitherto.

B. T. KESAVIENGAR,
Chief Secretary to Government.